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Claims 1-17 (canceled)

18. (New) A method of transmitting digitally coded traffic information, comprising the step

transmitting the digitally coded traffic information according to predetermined regulations between a transmitter and at least one receiver via at least one of a unidirectional information channel and a bidirectional information channel, wherein:

a subset of the predetermined regulations is defined, and the digitally evided traffic information is always at least one of coded, transmitted, and decoded according to the subset.

- (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein: the subset provides for information options, and the information options provide for at least one information block.
- (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein:
 the information options provide for one information block.
- 21. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein: the information block provides for one single-information option, and the single-information option of the subset provides for at least one of a first extent-of-increase symbol and a second extent-of-increase symbol.
- 22. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein: once of the at least one information block provides for a single-event option that provides for an item of length information.
- 23. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein: one of the at least one information block provides for a multiple-use option that provides for one optional event.

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- 24. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein:
 - the subset provides for an information portion.
 - the information partion provides for an item of location information, and
 - the item of location information of the subset is present in the information parties in coded form according to a location table.
- 25. (New) A receiver for receiving and processing digitally coded traffic information, countriese:

an arrangement for decoding the digitally coded traffic information according to a subset of predetermined regulations.

- (New) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:
 a receiving unit for receiving a signal that includes the digitally coded traffic information.
- (New) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:
 a transmitting unit for transmitting a signal including at least one of an information inquiry and the digitally coded traffic information.
- 28. (New) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising: a TMC decoder by which the digitally coded traffic information can be decoded according to the subset.
- (New) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:
 a memory for storing the digitally coded traffic information.
- (New) The receiver according to claim 25, further comprising:

 a navigation enit that includes an arrangement for processing an information content of a traffic message.
- (New) A transmitter for performing a conditioning and a transmitting of digitally coded traffic information, comprising:

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an arrangement for coding the digitally coded traffic information according to a subset of predetermined regulations.

- (New) The transmitter according to claim 34, further comprising:
 a transmitting unit for transmitting a signal that includes the digitally coded traffic information.
- (New) The transmitter according to claim 31, further comprising:

 a receiving unit for receiving a signal that includes at least one of an information inquiry and the digitally coded traffic information.
- (New) The transmitter according to claim 3), further comprising;
 a TMC coder for coding the digitally coded traffic information according to the subset.
- (New) The transmitter according to claim 31, further comprising:
 a memory for storing a traffic message.